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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A [[R]]recombinant vector system comprising at least one copy of a <u>first</u> nucleic acid encoding the antigen-binding site of the heavy chain of an antibody, said <u>first</u> nucleic acid comprising

a nucleotide sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:24,

a nucleotide sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:25, and

a nucleotide sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:26, the CDR3 region

(designated H3), or/and encoding the CDR2 region (designated H2),

or/and encoding the CDR1 region (designated H1), as shown in Figure

1-or/and-Figure-6, and

at least one copy of a <u>second</u> nucleic acid encoding the antigen-binding site of the light chain of an antibody, <u>said second nucleic acid</u> comprising

a nucleotide sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:27,

a nucleotide sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:28, and

a nucleotide sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:29, the CDR3 region

(designated L3), or/and encoding the CDR2 region (designated L2),

or/and encoding the CDR1 region (designated L1), as shown in Figure 1 or/and Figure 6.

wherein the <u>first and second</u> nucleic acids encoding the antigen-binding site of the heavy chain and of the light chain have separate expression control sequences.

2. (Currently amended) The [[R]]recombinant vector system according to claim 1 comprising a first recombinant vector comprising at least one copy of a nucleic acid encoding the antigen-binding site of the heavy chain and a second recombinant vector comprising at least one copy of a nucleic acid encoding the antigen-binding site of the light chain.

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3. (Currently amended) The [[R]]recombinant vector system according to claim 1 wherein at least one copy of the nucleic acid encoding the antigen-binding site of the heavy chain and of the light chain are located on the same recombinant vector.

- 4. (Currently amended) A [[M]]method for the recombinant production of a polypeptide having an antigen-binding site comprising:
 - (a) providing a recombinant vector system according to claim 1,
 - (b) introducing the recombinant vector system into a suitable host cell,
- (c) culturing the host cell under suitable conditions in a medium whereby an expression of the polypeptide takes place and
 - (d) obtaining the expressed product from the medium and/or the host cell.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the host cell is a mammalian cell.
- 6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein between steps (a) and (b) a modification of the vector system takes place wherein the modification substantially does not alter the amino acid sequence of the antigen-binding site of the polypeptide to be expressed.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 further comprising preparing a diagnostic or therapeutic agent from the expressed product.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the expressed product is coupled to a diagnostic marker.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the expressed product is coupled to a cytotoxic agent.

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- 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the expressed product is selected from antibodies and antibody fragments.
- 11. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the diagnostic marker is a radioactive marker.